A Moment of Suspense. A Board meets in this city to-day which will decide a matter more vital to Virginia and it would be better for society that all than any public question which now concerns her-more important, perhaps, than that the common schools should be disconany which is likely to concern her for a number of years to come: a question the decision of which involves alike the people of county courts. Those courts are positively the Mississippi Valley, and on the determination of which the prosperity of the population of a considerable number of the States of this Union essentially depends. If that decizion shall be adverse, it would be like the extinguishment of a cherished hope, whose importance would have to be estimated by the fact that it was entertained by the enlightened minds of the whole country, and But to impair their usefulness by weakening that its disappointment would affect the welfare of several millions of people. If it should be favorable, as we sincerely trust will be warranted by the facts, it will open to Virginia a solution of all her present industrial difficulties, will cheapen the food of the East and the fuel of the West, and give an impulse to the Mississippi Valley similar to that which led to the development of the Northwestern States by the completion unhappy, discontented, and complaining of the Eric canal in the year 1825.

We refer to the Board of United States Engineers, convened by order of the Secre tary of War at the instance of the Senate Special Committee on Transportation, which meets in this city to-day. The duty assigned to this Board is to examine into the cost and practicability of the Central Water-line through Virginia and West Virginia. This subject has already been laboriously investigated by a number of distinguished engineeers-McNeil, WRIGHT, GILL, ELLETT, GWYN, FIRE, LORRAINE, CRAIGHILL, HUTTON, TUBPIN, HARRIS-ell of whom have reported unqualifiedly in favor of the practicability of the route. The last survey was conducted in 1870, under the superintendence of Major CRAIGHILL, of the United States Army. In forwarding the reports received by him to Brigadier-General Hum-PHREYS, Chief of Engineers of the United States Army, Major CRAIGHILL remarks : 44 The question of practicability is settled by the data furnished by the reports hereto "attached." There is a tunnel, however, on this route

1,700 feet above tide, through the Alleghany mountains, which will be 7.8 miles in lengthlonger than the Mt. Cenis tunnel-nearly double the length of the Hoosac tunnelwhile the estimated cost of the whole work to the Obio river is some \$50,000, 000. It is not strange, therefore,-i was eminently proper-that out of abundant caution, in view of the heavy expenditure involved, the great elevation of the summit-level, the limited supply of Senate Committee, who have been so faithfully investigating the question of Transportation to the Seaboard, should desire even further satisfaction on this point in connection with this central water-line through Virginia. Before such a work is undertaken by Congress all doubt of its feasibility ought to be removed; and if the Board which has been summoned shall ratify the judgment of the engineers who have preceded them, all misgivings on the subject must necessarily be at an end.

We are gratified, therefore, that these distinguished representatives of the scientific department of the United States Army (and that equally eminent civil engineer Benja-MIN H. LATROBE) have convened in Richmond on this mission. As gentlemen of the highest reputation in their profession we welcome them to the capital of Virginia; and we may interchange mutual congratulations that their errand is one which is calculated to bind together by a common interest the Ancient Dominion and that 'Northwest Territory' which she surrendered nearly a hundred years ago as a free gift to the American Union, which, in accepting the princely donation, provided in the organic law "that the navigable wa-\* ters leading into the Mississippi and the "St. Lawrence, and the carrying places be-"tween the same, shall be common highways " and forever free"-such a common and free highway across this continent as Virginia seeks to-day to establish between the gates of the Atlantic and the waters of the Mississippi and the Missouri rivers. As a tribupal to whom has been referred the Anal adjudication of the claims of the James River and Kapawha canal as a connecting link in the great water-line between the Mississippi and the James we welcome them-bopeful, almost assured as we are, of the result of their deliberations, and ready to

be just, to any adverse decision. With deep suspense we shall await their action, feeling, as we do, that the weal or woe of Virginia is bound up in that result. Our industry is utterly demoralized and paralysed; our people are poor beyond the power of exaggeration; our labor system is in a transitional state; our agriculture is unremunerative; our minerals sleep in the bowels of the earth; our cities are practically cut off from active business communication with the West. We look to the construction of this canal and the improvement of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers as the means of accomplishing here what the Erie canal accomplished for the State and City of New York; while we should have, what New York did not have, coal and iron to load back to the West.

The beneficial effects upon Virginia would not be instantly realized; we should have to incur the inconveniences incident to a change of industrial pursuits. The cultivation of wheat, for example, we should have to abandon. It has already ceased to be profitable. We should get cheaper food from the West, and we should learn to diversify our rural industry as has been done in New York and New Jersey. Our people would seek new occupations. We should utilize our forests and work our mines; we should plant fruit-trees and turn our attention to the products of the dairy; the stimulus given to business of every sort would develop our cities and towns; these would create a demand for the products of

the farm and garden. Our canal would not terminate at Hampton Roads. Its cargoes would be landed at will at Baltimore at the head of the Chesapeake, at Philadelphia by the Chesapeake and Dehware canal, or at New York by the Delaware river and the Delaware and Raritan canal. Or, turning southward, they might pass into the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal and follow the sounds of North | propose to go into court and prove our claim Carolina. Or they might, if destined for New York or Philadelphia, or points south of Virginia, pass through the capes and of Virginia, pass through the capes and more influence than any other paper in our since our last report : make the voyage on the open sea.

ation of the grain of the Northwest to the and carried that measure to its successful reference to examination of lunatics. Ap-European grain markets, our space being termination. already occupied.

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County Courts.

We cannot over-estimate the importance of the county courts to the people. They stand in the same relation to higher courts that common schools do to the higher institutions of learning. Ninety out of a huudred reople must get all they will ever learn in the schools out of the common schools, the higher schools should be abolished than tinued. So society could better far stand the abolition of the circuit courts than the indispensable to society-to its peace, order, and security.

Then, why should this great necessity not be made as efficacious and useful as possible? The wise statesman would make all needful public institutions beneficial. He would have them respectable, energetic, intelligent, systematized, honest, and reliable. their energies and diminishing their dignity would be treachery to the State, and would be inflicting serious injury upon the people, Show us a county court that is wise, energetic, and honest, and we will show you a community that enjoys order and security, and lives contented. Show us one, however, that is inefficient, unintelligent, unreliable, and injudicious, and we will show you an people.

## Western Mining.

The ensuing year promises considerably increased activity in the mining operations of the Kanawha Valley. There has been quite an addition within three months to the population of the mineral region. The English company that has lately invested largely in the Gauley mines have begun preparations for active operations as soon as these preparations can be accomplished.

The movements of the English company are quite interesting. Yet other parties are looking towards active developments of mines that are rich in mineral wealth. The English company appears to have taken hold of their enterprise with decided zeal and confidence. Their agent, Professor Ansted, at 2:45, concluded his argument, when, returned last summer with most elaborate and satisfactory reports, and the company voted him a large sum in recognition of his valuable services. And what was better still, the whole capital stock of the company for the Virginia enterprise was at once paid up and orders given for immediate movement.

These facts must have a good effect upon the interests of the Kanawha Valley. Property in that valley, richly stored with coal and iron, is offered for sale, and open to prompt operations, lying as it does immediately upon the Chesapeake and Ohlo railroad. Some of it constitutes the very richest part of the Kanawba coal-fields. Such property so disposed cannot remain idle. It is impossible that it can continue unproducwater, and the length of the tunnel, the tive while mines on the Ohio and Monongahela, less rich, less convenient for working, are busily mined, and the lands where they lie sell for \$500 to \$1,000 per acre.

Things will necessarily accommodate themselves to circumstances, and these Kanawha mines will soon show scenes of business activity that will exceed all the prophecies of the prophets. The railroad must ment of interest on the public debt. lower its rates to the lowest paying point, and count upon the increase of transportasoon to be equal to that of any coal-railroad

Judge Hugnes is making headway in the good opinions of judicious and conservative people. The Alexandria Sentinel speaks very favorably of his deportment on the occasion of his opening court for the first time in that city. It says:

"It is the concurrent testimony of all who appeared before him [Judge Hughes] as attorneys to-day (his first day of business in the court) that he evinces on the bench a quickness of comprehension of the legal points of a case, and that method, dispatch, and good judgment which are among the most desirable attributes of a justice."

But the Judge, it is reported, has taken some positive measures which very clearly show a purpose that will be gratifying to the public. It is stated in the Enquirer that he docked the fees of H. H. Wells, late district attorney, in certain cases from \$1,650 to \$500, and, furthermore, that he refuses to sign any more orders for the sale of preperty in front of the custom-house in this city; and will require that sales shall take place where the property is located.

lifting up the paw that had been laid upon the litigant in the United States Court was regarded impossible. It was thought that reduction and refunding in that court were as impossible as it was for cattle to pass out bow, as we are, because we know that it will of the lion's den. Then, the seiling of property in front of the custom-house was a the bankrupt, leaving nothing to anybody who had real claims upon it. The sales Board of Superintendents of said company, where the property is located will be a great and to ratify and confirm all acts done in advantage to all concerned in that property. | pursuance of the provisions of the act ap-

> Mrs. MYRA CLARK GAINES, the telegraph announces, has brought suit against Cales of Lynchburg," in force April 2, 1873, and Cushing. He was, we suppose, the only changing the name and principal office of public man in the country old enough for the great female litigant to sue.

Miss Cushman, the eminent tragic player, will appear on the Richmond stage next week. She is the greatest tragic actress ever | table. produced by this country, and in some peculturities has no equal. Her "Meg Merriles" is superior to that of any contempo-

## New Books The. Parisians. By Lord Lyrron. With

lilustrations by SYDNEY HALL. New York: HARPER & BROTHERS. This is the late Lord Lyrron's last novel. An introductory note from the young Lord Lyrron styles "The Parisians" a work of dramatized observation, designed to illus-"trate the effect of 'modern ideas' upon a whole community." In some respects BULWER was the master-novelist of his age. His last production well maintains his great

power as an author. For sale by J. T. ELLYSON.

Bébée; or, Two Little Wooden Shoes. A Story. By "Outpa," author of "Strathmore," "Under Two Flags," &c. Philadelphia: Lippincorr & Co. A well-known author, some of whose

works, at times, berder upon doubtful proprietles.

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THE ORIGINATOR AND ENGINEER ALSO, -[From the Norfolk Day-Book, 31.]-Having worked for nothing long enough, we don't we have said nothing about the transport
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General Assembly of Virginia.

WEDNESDAY, February 4, 1874. SENATE.

Lieutenant-Governor WITHERS presiding Prayer by the Rev. Charles H. Read, D. D. of the Grace-Street Presbyterian church. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK, from the Committee on Public Institutions, reported bills to amend section 19 of chapter 77 of the Code of 1873, concerning the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Board of Curators of the Hampton Normal Academy; to amend and reenact section 12 of chapter 78 of the Code, in relation to superintendents of schools, &c.

BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, &C., INTRODUCED. The following bills, &c., were introduced and appropriately referred:

By Mr. QUESENBERRY: Resolved by the General Assembly, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be, and he is hereby instructed to have a brick walkway constructed to the capitol along its various approaches as soon as possible. Adopted joint resolution).

By Mr. Allan: A resolution as to the expediency of so amending chapter 82 of the Code of 1873 as to prohibit the admission and maintenance in any State lunatic asylum of any save pauper lunatics.

By Mr. PENN: A bill to provide an artificial leg for A. J. Nunn and G. G. Grattan. On motion of Mr. GREEVER, substitute for Senate bill providing for the lease of the penitentiary was ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE. On motion of Mr. Evans, the senator from James City (Mr. Dawson) was granted leave of absence for one day.

PASSED. Senate bill to incorporate the Bank of Marion was taken up and passed.

Senate bill to amend section 26 of chapter 52 of the Code of 1873 was taken up,-the question being on the passage of the billwhen, on motion of Mr. PENN, the vote by which the bill had been engrossed was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. HUNDLEY, the bill was laid on the table and the special order of the day-viz, Senate bill to provide a charter for the city of Petersburg-taken up, the question being on the passage of the bid. Mr. Cocuran proceeded at length to oppose the passage of the bill. Mr. Cochran, On motion of Mr. Lawson, the Senate ad-

HOUSE OF DELEGATES. House met at 12 M.-Speaker Hangen in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Dr. T. L. Preston. INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Lewis: Bill for the protection of sheep in the counties of Clark and Frede-By Mr. Howard : Bill to incorporate the

Bank of Jacksonville, at Floyd Courthouse. By Mr. HARRISON: Bill to amend and re enact section 1 of chapter 112 of the Code of 1873, in relation to the creation and limitation of estates. By same: Bill to amend and reenact sec

tion 4 of chapter 118 of the Code of 1873, in relation to wills. By Mr. Massey: Bill to prevent counter feit coupons from being received in pay-

ment of taxes, &c., to the State. By Mr. FLOOD: Bill incorporating Pamp lin City. By Mr. HANGER: Petition of wholesale liquor dealers of Augusta county protesting

against a specific tax on liquors. By Mr. BROOKS: Memorial of members of the bar of Amelia and Powhatan counties praying an increase of the pay of the judge of the Third judicial circuit.

By Mr. HARRISON: A resolution as to pay By Mr. Holbrook: Petition of President and Directors of the Union Lead-Mining of Wythe county, asking a tion for its reward. Its coal business ought amendment to their charter and a change of corporate name.

By Mr. WILLIAMS: Petition of citizens of Winchester asking protection for deer. By Mr. Lovell: Resolution inquiring into the expediency of paying jurors in cases of writs ad quod damnum.

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By Mr. Williams: Resolution inquiring in the forty-seventh year of his age. into the expediency of further legislation to

prevent vagrancy. REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES.

House bill No. 102, to amend and reenact the 10th clause of section 7 of chapter 78 of the Code of 1873, in relation to public free chools.

No. 103, flouse joint resolution asking the United States Government for public lands to be devoted to public free schools. House bill No. 104, to amend and reenact sections 6, 8, and 9 of chapter 90 of the Code

of 1873, in relation to weighing and selling live stock, with a recommendation that it do

LEAVES OF ABSENCE were granted to Messrs. Bagwell for two days and Howard for five days.

THE CALENDAR. House bill No. 13, to amend section 6 of chapter 201 of the Code of 1873, with reference to larceny, came up.

On motion of Mr. Count the House re solved to insist upon its disagreement to the amendment proposed by the Senate, and fur-This is very gratifying. Such a thing as ther resolved to appoint a joint committee (the Senate concurring) to consider the bill. PASSED.

> Senate bill No. 50, entitled an act authorizing the trustees of the religious society in Frederick county known as the United Brethien in Christ to sell and convey certain property in Winchester. Senate bill No. 19, to extend a credit of

way to throw to the winds the remains of twelve and twenty-four months from the ratification of the sale of the State's interest in the Upper Appomattox Company to the proved March 20th, 1873.

Senate bill No. 88, to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Farmers Bank said bank. The above three bills now go the Gov

ernor. LAID ON THE TABLE.

House engrossed bill No. 9, to incorporate the town of Wytheville, was laid on the

House bill No. 61, in relation to INTEREST ON MONEY.

was made the special order for Thursday, February 12th, at 1 P. M.; and it was ordered that a substitute for the bill, offered by Mr. Cognill, should be printed.

COUNTY ORGANIZATION. House joint resolution proposing amend-

ments to the State Constitution in relation to county organization was made the special continuing order for the 11th instant at 1

RECOMMITTED. House bill No. 70, to prevent trespass on lands and injuries to crops.

House bill No. 35, incorporating the Vir-

ginia Relief Association. DISMISSED. House bill No. 34, to amend section 9 of an act to incorporate the insurance and Savings Company of Virginia, passed February 28, 1866.

House bill No. 67, to authorize the town of Culpeper to borrow money. JUNISDICTION OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

House bill No. 71, to amend and reënact section 1 of chapter 147 of the Code of 1873, extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in civil cases to \$100. Mr. Popnam moved to dismiss the bill-

res, 33; noes, 60. Pending a motion to amend the bill the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12

BILLS, ETC., THAT HAVE BECOME LAWS .-The following bills, etc , have become laws

proved February 2, 1874.

An act requiring claims for jury-services to TALL FOR PERSONAL AND ASSESSED THAT GRAD

Approved February 2, 1874. An act to transfer the interest of the State in the Jacksonville and Christiansburg Turnpike Company to the counties through which it passes. Approved February 2. 1874.

in the county of Washington. Approved

An act to amend and reënact sections

and 6 of an act entitled " An act to incorporate

the Norfolk and Princess Anne Turnpike

Company, approved March 28, 1872." Ap-

An act to incorporate the town of Banis

ter, in the county of Halifax. Approved

An Appeal to the Legislature.

Great injustice will be done our people

and much suffering will follow the refusal

Hampton, Va., February 3, 1874.

attention of the General Assembly:

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be presented for payment within two years.

An act incorporating the Rich Valley Tanning and Leather-Manufacturing Company,

LL ROYAL ARCH MASONS A LL RUIAL ARCH MASONS

are cordially invited to attend a stated
convocation of RICHMOND ROYAL

ARCH CHAPTER, No. 3, at the Masons
Hall, on Franklin street, THIS (Thursday) EVEWING. February 5, A. D. 1874, A. L. 5874, R. A.
W. 2404, at 6 o'clock. By order of the M. E. H.

GEORGE F. KEESEE,
Secretary.

JOTICE .- A general meeting of the ROAD COMPANY will be held at the office of Messrs. Lancaster & Co., in the city of Richmond, on TUESDAY the 24th of February, 1874.

By order of the Board of Discourse. By order of the Board of Directors.

D. S. WOOLDRIDGE,

An act to extend the time within which the Farmville, Charlottesville and Stanardsville Narrow-gauge railroad may be commenced and completed. Approved Febru-OFFICE RICHMOND RAILWAY COMPANY, RICHMOND, JANUARY 17, 1874. An act to repeal an act declaring a portion stockholders of the Richmond Railway Com-any will be held on MONDAY the 16th day of chruary, 1874, at their office on Leigh street, at 2 o'clock M. C. WALDACP, of Smith's creek and Chahoon's creek a lawful fence, approved the 8th of March, 1873.

An act to incorporate the Virginia Club, of the city of Norfolk. Approved February MILITARY NOTICES. GRAYS, ATTENTION.—Assemble at Market Property of the regimental armory on NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT at 7% o'clock, in full-dress uniform, for husiness and regular drill. By order Captain L. J. Bossieux.

S. J. SMITH.
Orderly Sergeant. We commend the following appeal to the

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HON. S. S. COX,

SSEMBLY HALL .- For one week, com-

RICHMOND THEATRE. of the Legislature to grant the relief asked for [that is, to be relieved from paying certain taxes called "delinquent "]. Last nights of the celebrated The bare idea of taxing a people, and COLEMAN CHILDREN. then selling their farms, or lots in town, for THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING, DRIVEN FROM HOME.

delinquent taxes, when it is known that said lands were held by the bayonet-a power which Virginia could not resist--is monstrous. Moreover, a very large proportion of this delinquent tax accumulated while the Freedmen's Bureau held the people's land, or the negroes who were placed in possession refused to vacate, and the courts, sheriff, and "posse," all were powerless. The law afforded no protection. The State. none whatever. Then, upon what principle perrance in Richmond. M. HARTZ, the great illusionist (of 850 Broadway, New York), will give a series of his incomprehensible performances, as given by him for fourteen consecutive months in New York. Among other great specialties, he will introduce his latest wonder, the Indian Box and Spiritum Basket (copyright), which has startled the world, and which is for more wonderful than anything ever produced by so-called spiritual mediums. See the Scientific American of December 13th, and Harper's Weekly of December 20th, two journals that never before noticed any entertainment. The Bower of Flora, the Mirculous Hat, two star illusions, and many others that can only be accomplished by this great master of the art. of right or justice can the State claim taxes of a poor, iil used, down-trodden people? There is another fact, and a very significant one: You remember this town was

totally destroyed. The tax bills up to 1870, I think, were made out from the assessment of 1860, at which time the town was in its greatest degree of prosperity, and the buildings, many of them valuable, were all standtwo star inusions, and many others that can only be accomplished by this great master of the art. CARD.—Mr. Hartz wishes it to be distinctly under-stood that his enter-aliment must not be classed with anything of the kind ever in Richmond, as it is entirely different from anything that has preing. These delinquent taxes are assessed at the valuation of 1860. stood that his enteranneau with anything of the kind ever in Richmond us it is entirely different from anything that has preceded it. Such being the case, he will stay in Richmond for one week, that the public may have time to prove the truth of this assertion. Doors open at 7:30; performance commences at 8 o'clock. Admission. 50 cents. Mr. A. sedgewick will preside at the piano, and also lutroduce solos on the English concertina, for which he is celebrated.

fe 5-3t For example: I owned a lot worth \$6,000,

and another worth \$7,000 - both highly improved. The improvements were all destroyed, and the lots held-some of themuntil 1871-and a part of one to this dayby negroes. Here comes a delinquent taxbill for taxes from 1865 to 1870 upon a part of this property at the valuation of 1860, when all the improvements were standing. The above statement of the case is stronger than any other sort of argument.

The House Committee on the Judiciary had a special meeting this morning for the consideration of the county-court system. Nearly all the members were in favor of giving the present plan a full and fair trial, and to effect that end they proceeded to amend the Code in numerous respects. The whole tendency is to further dwarf the importance of county courts and add to the dignity and jurisdiction of circuit courts, though in some triffing matters the jurisdiction of the county courts may be enlarged. It is believed to be the purpose of some members to crowd the circuit courts with business, and then raise a demand for five or six more circuit judges .-Chester, in Petersburg News.

[Let the people remember. There will no Governor to elect in 1875.]

Married, on Wednesday the 4th instant, at the Second Baptist church, by the Rev. C. C. Bitting, D. D., Mr. CHARLESS, MORRIS and Miss KATE S. PHILLIPS: all of this city.

DEATHS.

One Church above, beneath, Though divided by the stream-The narrow stream of death. One army of the living God, To His command we bow; Part of His host have crossed the flood.

One family we dwell in Him.

And part are crossing now. Our spirits, too, shall quickly join. Like their's, with glory crown'd, And shout to see our Captain's sign, To hear his trumpet sound.

O, that we now might grasp our Guide;
O, that the word were given:
Come Lord of hosts, the waves divide,
And land us all in Heaven. His funeral will be preached TO-DAY, at the Bay list church in Manchester, at 2 o'clock P. M. Friends and acquaintances of the family are repectfully invited to attend.

Died, at his father's residence, Sunday morning February 1st. at 5 o'clock, of croup, ROBERT C., youngest son of R. C. and Julia C. Morton, aged ifteen months and eleven days. Died, on the 31st of January, 1874, at Marengo, New Kent county, in his sixty-fith year, SAM-UEL F. NORMENT, leaving a willow and five de-voted children to mourn his death.

W. J. CUSSEN,
Real Estate Agent and Auctioneer,
3804 Williamsburg avenue.
fe 3-5th 7th 3t\* May the Great Shepherd and Bishop of Souls watch over and direct them through life, and finally gather them into Ills fold. Door ones, you do not mourn as those who have no hope. Died, on the 4th of February, 1874, at his res'-No fertilizer ever introduced has undergone re-

dence, No. 401 west Clay street, JAMES HOLO-MAN, aged eighty years and five days. His funeral will take place from the Grace-Street Baptist church at 11 o'clock A. M. TO-DAY. Friends of the family are invited to attend. Died, on the 4th of February, of whooping-cough, at ten minutes past 11 o'clock A. M., ANN PROLIA, voungest child of John and Margaret J. Fry, aged one year, four months and sewen days. It has been in use in Virginia slace 1865, and during that time has been applied to all kinds of soil under every variety of season. Fyidence that it has given general and great satisfaction is found in the few that are in a large its large large.

Alas! how changed that lovely flower Which bloomed and cheered my heart : Fair, fleeting comfort of an hour, How soon we're called to part,

From adverse blasts and lowering storms Her favored soul He bore. And with you bright angelic forms She lives to d'e no more Why should I vex my heart or fast? No more she'll visit me My soul will mount to her at last.

And there my child I'll see. Her funeral will take place at her parents' residence, 605 west Leigh street, THIS (Thursday) MORNING at 11 o'ulock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

## BOARDING.

DRIVATE BOARDING .- Nice rooms. good table, and the comforts of a home, also neals served to a few more single gentlemen, at easonable prices, by Mrs. ALLEN, Alhambra iouse. No. 8 south Fourteenth street over-Becher's clothing store.

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